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Date	Program
Wednesday, February 24, 2010	Key Club - old auditorium at Thomas Dale High School at 6:30 p.m.- see Kris Derr for details
Friday, February 26, 2010	Capital District Kiwanis Midwinter & 50th Annual CKI Convention
Sunday, February 28, 2010	Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Saturday, February 27, 2010	CENTRAL CHESTERFIELD 4th ANNUAL OYSTER FEAST 1-5 p.m. Tickets available at Bank of Southside Virginia
Saturday, February 27, 2010	ROUTE 10 CLEAN-UP - Meet at Dunkin Donuts for Coffee and Donuts at 7:30
Monday, March 01, 2010	Board Night - Fundraising Ideas
Tuesday, March 02, 2010	Interclub with Allen's Circle K Club [tentative] at Bryant Stratton College (8141 Hull Street) from 5:30 till 6:15 p.m. see Kris for details
Monday, March 08, 2010	Regular Meeting - CHESTER SUMMIT - What is it?
Monday, March 15, 2010	Regular Meeting - "Things that Rhyme" with Starch or TBA
Monday, March 22, 2010	Regular Meeting - "Blisters - God's way of saying 'No'?" or TBA
Wednesday, March 24, 2010	CIRCLE K - Supporting Portfolio Development Day At Bryant and Stratton College - Morning and Afternoon Sessions - Contact Allen for details
Friday, March 26, 2010	Bizarre Bazaar - Spring Show
Sunday, March 28, 2010	See Danny for the sign up sheets at upcoming meetings
CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT SCHEDULE UPDATES	Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Rite Aid Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact this quarter's Program Chair Rick Dodson with suggestions.

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

PROCRASTINATION

Ah, that less than ideal human trait of putting off those things that could just as well be done today and gotten out of the way. Some even thrive on procrastination.

Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

I promised myself I would get this piece to Editor Phil at the beginning of each month. Here it is the twenty-something of the month and I am finally getting around to it. I even had the thought, "Gary, why not wait a week and combine it with February's newsletter". Why do we delay doing things, especially the important things in life as they come up? You know the reasons: laziness, "there is plenty of time to do it", other more important

**Bizarre Bazaar
Spring Show**

March 26-28

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upcoming meetings.

Easy money to build our Administrative Fund

things to do first, interruptions to our day-to-day routines, "I don't want to miss that show on television", etc. The list goes on and on.

It is with us as Kiwanians also. How many of you had every good intention of inviting a friend to a meeting in hopes of boosting membership? How many of you planned to attend all of the interclub meetings or the Key/Keyette meetings when asked of us? How many of you may be delaying on helping the club by volunteering as the **Children-Priority One Chairman**, member of a committee or by participating in a club activity? How many of you have delayed in signing up to attend the Division or District Mid-Winters or the International Convention? How many of you haven't even done the first of the requirements to become a Distinguished Kiwanian?

Now don't get me wrong; I'm not casting stones at you because even yours truly hasn't done these things and I'm supposed to set the example for this club. Yes, we are Kiwanians, but first, we are human beings with all of our faults and shortcomings. But because we are Kiwanians and serve this community we are all a cut above some others even with all of our human faults. Many of you didn't put off going to a place of worship this week did you? Most of you regularly attend our meetings (sometimes in spite of me leading you)? Most of you didn't put off doing

something good for someone or some organization this past month did you? Most if not all of you made a financial contribution to the suffering of the Haitian people didn't you? Most of you told your husband, wife, child, or other important person in your life that you loved them didn't you?

The good thing about procrastination is that most of the time we get around to doing things before it is too late. There is still time to be a good Kiwanian as well as a good person. As a Kiwanian, think of some of the things I've mentioned above and where YOU as a club member can benefit our club and the community.

And as a human being, since God does not promise us anymore time than the minute we are in right now, go tell someone close to you that you love them just as I care and "love" each of you for being the Kiwanian you are and making a community contribution.

Prez Gary

**important club meetings
coming soon**

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
REPORT**

All members were asked to forward ideas to Tom. We all have had some great experiences at other events that we may apply here. Town fairs, food festivals, wine and cheese events ... use your imagination. Email your suggestions to Tom at tkwilli@gmail.com

Tom plans to present the suggestions at the March Board Meeting. All members are invited to attend. March 1, 2010

CHESTER SUMMIT

Program scheduled for **March 8th**
Don't miss this important meeting to discuss how local Chester Clubs can work together to support our community.

LITTLE BIG ADVENTURE DAY 2010

Saturday April 17th
7-5 PM
POCAHONTAS STATE PARK

See Noelle for details



POCAHONTAS LITTLE BIG ADVENTURE DAY 2009

Race: Adult/Child Team Adventure Triathlon: ½ mile canoe, 3.5 mile trail bike ride, 1.5 mile run. Teams compete in all 3 events and finish together!

Post Race: A complimentary lunch will be provided for all race participants and volunteers.
Cost for parking is \$5 per car.

CIRCLE K Supporting the Portfolio Development Day

At
Bryant and Stratton College

"Actors" needed to represent employers for mock interviews.

Wednesday March 24, 2010

Morning and Afternoon Sessions
an hour or two at most
Contact Allen for details

**BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR A SPOT AT THE
BIZAARE BAZAARE**

CENTRAL CHESTERFIELD'S



don't kiss the chef

4th ANNUAL OYSTER FEAST

February 27, 2010
1-5 p.m.

**Tickets available at
Bank of Southside Virginia**

Dale Ruritan Club
5101 Ruritan Place, Richmond.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include all you can eat steamed oysters, raw oysters, chowder and beverage.

All proceeds will support the club's Terrific Kids program and L.C. Bird High School's Key Club.

No tickets will be available at the door.

Anniversaries and Birthdays



Birthdays

Buddy Reibsamen	1/9
Cathy Rhea	1/14
Suzie Trotter	1/17
Hank Dvorak	1/18
David Elswick	1/19
Susanne Hillier	1/19
Ann Stuart	1/20
Joseph Hillier	1/22
Dixon Handwerk	1/28
Kim Slagle	2/3

Anniversaries

Noelle and Eddie Grosso	2/7
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**Capital District Kiwanis
Midwinter & 50th Annual CKI
Convention**

February 26 - 28, 2010
Hyatt Regency Crystal City

The 20th Division of Kiwanis along with the CKI District Board is hard at work to make this February in Arlington, VA the event everyone is talking about. Don't miss the action as we celebrate *Service through the Decades!*

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Congratulations Bob on completion of
1 ½ years as our Lt. Governor.
Job well done!



ROUTE 10 CLEAN-UP

Meet at Dunkin Donuts
for Coffee and Donuts
at 7:30
Saturday, February 27, 2010

**Friends of Pocahontas
Park Clean-up Day**

Saturday April 24th
1-5PM
Lunch is included
Trail clean-up and 'other activities'

James River Clean-up

June 12th
Dutch Gap Boat Ramp



The buzzards are waiting.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The club has elected to help with the local

2010 Special Olympics
to be held at
University of Richmond.
Friday June 11, 2010

We will be sponsoring an activity/event along with members of the Thomas Dale Key Club.

Summer Games, our largest statewide competition, is nothing short of legendary thanks to the overwhelming support of more than 3,000 local volunteers who brave the summer heat to assist more than 1,200 Special Olympics Virginia athletes each June. Athletes come from all corners of the state to compete in swimming, powerlifting, softball, track & field, bowling and tennis.

Olga Murray of Nepal

The Nepalese Youth Opportunity Foundation

In 1990, Olga Murray founded the Nepalese Youth Opportunity Foundation (NYOF), a nonprofit organization registered in the United States, to provide the most impoverished children of Nepal with education, housing, medical care, and human rights. NYOF leverages the money from developed countries to maximize the aid for these children. In addition to scholarships for children who live in Kathmandu and rural Nepal, from grammar school to medical school, NYOF implements a range of other programs to help Nepali children. For example, NYOF's Indentured Daughters Program rescues girls from being sold as bonded servants and pays for them to attend school. The Nutritional Rehabilitation Homes restore severely malnourished children to full health while educating their mothers in child care and nutrition. NYOF also operates two children's homes in Kathmandu named J House and K House. [Wikipedia]

Over the past 25 years, she has transformed the lives of an estimated 225,000 Nepalese children, rescuing them from lives of misery and need, providing them with security, education and love. What keeps her going, she says, is seeing how 'her' children blossom, as well as knowing that there is so much more for NYOF to do. [[Friends of Nepal](#)]

Olga has been nominated for the Kiwanis International World Service Medal by **David Elswick** on behalf of our club. In the past, honorees of the Kiwanis World Service Medal, one of the pre-eminent recognitions of its kind by any service organization, have included Mother Teresa, who ministered to the sick, orphaned, and dying children of the world; former U.S. First Lady Nancy Reagan, who founded a drug awareness program; and former U.S. First Lady Rosalynn Carter, for her work with Every Child by Two.

The medal may be awarded to an individual or to an organization when no one person

can be identified as primarily responsible for the service activity being honored, and there may be years when no medal is awarded. The medal honors service that enhances the quality of life and potential of young children or youth and benefits a significant number of people in a substantial way. Priority is given to service activities that are international in scope.

Thanks David. If she wins the entire club will be expected to do a service project in Nepal. See Dave for details.

KEY CLUB and INTERCLUB

This Wednesday, February 24th, the Key Club will meet, as usual, in the old auditorium at Thomas Dale High School at 6:30 p.m. Please consider attending.

It would also be terrific if we could have an Interclub with the Key Club on March 10th. This will be the club's last official meeting for the school year, and the guest speaker will be a former Thomas Dale Key Club member who is now a Circle K member at JMU.

Please think about an Interclub with Allen's Circle K Club on Tuesday, March 2nd, at Bryant Stratton College (8141 Hull Street) from 5:30 till 6:15 p.m. This is an Interclub that Kris will attend as it is not during the work day, and perhaps we could meet at Rite Aid and carpool. Think about it and please let Kris Derr know if you are interested.

OTHER GOOD REASONS TO SKIP THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER

1. Too much snow
2. Had to go to Florida for the weekend
3. Leap year (skips a month)
4. My cat ate the president's view
5. Had to get flu shot, couldn't sit for a week.
6. Not enough regular meetings
7. More snow
8. Ran out of paper and stamps
9. Lazy!!
10. Planning trip to Nepal